

Remarks:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Examiner indicates claims 7 and 8 describe allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant is amending claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claims 6 and 7, and amending claim 8 to depend from claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments do not constitute new matter and are supported by the specification, as filed. Thus, claims 1-5 and 8 currently are pending, of which claim 1 is independent. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments because they place this application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

Applicant maintains that the above-captioned patent application, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of this application may be furthered by discussing the application, in person or by telephone, with Applicant's representatives, we would welcome the opportunity to do so. Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this responsive amendment. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and the fees determined by the PTO, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 02-0375**.

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